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SUBJECT: SENEGAL ELECTIONS NOW SET FOR FEBRUARY 2007, BUT  
DATE FOR SECK TRIAL REMAINS UNCLEAR

REF: A. DAKAR 0181

[1](#)B. DAKAR 0133  
[1](#)C. 05 DAKAR 3184  
[1](#)D. 05 DAKAR 2933

[1](#)1. On January 24, the prosecution dropped for lack of evidence "the threat to national security and defense" charges against former Prime Minister Idrissa Seck (Ref A) and his co-defendants: Hassan Fares, Mbaye Coulibaly, Sandrine Fares, Sandrine Madec, El Hadji Ndary Gueye and Coumba Ngouye Thiam. The remaining embezzlement charges relate to the Thies Public Works Case. The prosecution has also accused Seck and one of his attorneys of "irregular release of correspondence." The senior investigative judge may still send these charges to be heard by the courts.

[1](#)2. On January 19, the Constitutional Court declared itself incompetent to rule on the validity of the law extending the term of National Assembly Deputies beyond June 2006, thereby coupling the presidential and legislative elections. With the Constitutional Court's ruling, both elections are now on track for February 2007.

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